

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, above line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/EP2002/010513 filed September 19, 2002. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

On Page 5 please replace the last paragraph which starts on that page and bridges through to page 6 with the following paragraph:

-- It is advantageous to use a synthetic resin hardener system that cures when heat is applied as the binder, in the method according to the invention. In this manner, it is possible to influence the curing process in targeted manner. The mineral casting mixture can be kept sufficiently liquid during the mixing and casting process ~~mineral casting mixture can be kept sufficiently liquid during the mixing and casting process~~ so that it can then be cured by means of targeted heating. Suitable synthetic resin hardener systems are available as commercial products. --